

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the above identified application in view of the preceding amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 1-3 and 5-14 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Claims 4, 15 and 16 have been cancelled without prejudice. The claim amendments were made to more precisely define the invention in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 112, paragraph 2. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been introduced by these amendments, as support therefor is found throughout the specification and drawings.

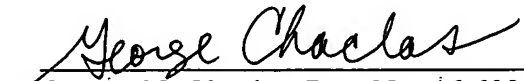
In the Office Action, Claims 4 and 10 were indicated as allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Claim 1 has been amended to include all of the limitations of Claim 4 and Claim 10 has been rewritten as an independent claim. No other independent claims are pending. Thus, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and withdrawal of all rejections is respectfully requested.

Any additional fees or overpayments due as a result of filing the present paper may be applied to Deposit Account No. 04-1105. It is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now in this application, namely Claims 1-3 and 5-14, are in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited.

If after reviewing this amendment, the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would facilitate the resolution of any remaining matters the undersigned attorney may be contacted at the number set forth herein below.

Respectfully submitted,

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